

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004.

Applicant notes, with thanks, the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17. In reliance thereon, the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, and 17 has been incorporated into their respective independent claims. Each pending independent claim, therefore, now recites allowable subject matter.

In view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter into each of the pending independent claims, the art rejections are believed to be moot and are not be discussed herein.

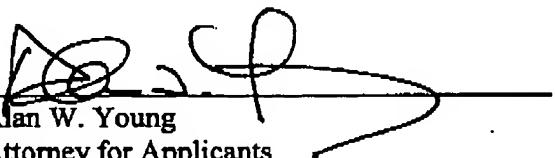
Applicant's attorney, therefore, respectfully submits that all claims are allowable and that the present application is condition for an early allowance and passage to issue. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below.

No fee is believed to be due with this communication. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 23-1209, referencing Docket No. K35A1018.

Respectfully submitted,

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